

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 1, 2007, has been carefully considered. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The Applicants also refer to the Interview Summary dated May 23, 2007, wherein the Examiner stipulates that such amendments to the claims would place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 14, 17, 22, 23, and 25-41 have been cancelled without prejudice. New Claim 42 has been added which is fully supported by Applicants' specification. Claims 2-7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18-21, 24, and 42 are now pending in the application following the above amendments. Claim 20 was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Abstract

An abstract on a separate sheet as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b) is enclosed with this amendment.

Claims 1-19 and 21-41 are rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description and enablement requirement.

In light of the above amendments to the claims, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the section 112, first paragraph, rejection.

Claims 23-37 and 39 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

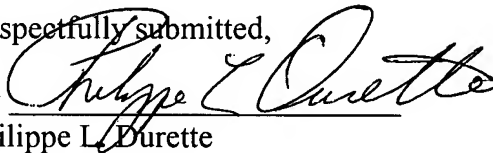
In light of the above amendments to the claims, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the section 112, second paragraph, rejection.

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The Applicants believe that all of the objections have been overcome by amendment, and they therefore earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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